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STS-107 launch countdown begun for Thursday flight

The countdown to Thursday's launch of Space Shuttle Columbia for a 16-day research mission began Sunday. Columbia's STS-107 mission crewmembers also arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Sunday. On Tuesday, late stow payloads and experiments will be loaded into the Spacehab module. An investigation is continuing on the surface crack found inside a part of Space Shuttle Discovery's liquid oxygen line. No inspections were performed on Columbia though results of testing have given mission managers enough confidence to proceed with the countdown, with a final launch decision pending.

'Take our Children to Work Day' needs volunteers; meeting set 1-2:30 p.m., Jan. 28, Bldg. 4200, Room 715

Recycle old phone books in marked bins located at Marshall building entrances and/or elevator lobbies; collection ends Jan. 31

U.S. blood supply 'critically' low; blood drive Friday

Blood supplies in Alabama and across the nation are dangerously low with American Red Cross officials calling it an "extreme" shortage. The Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region inventory currently is less than a half-day supply. As of Monday, some surgeries are being postponed or cancelled due to the shortage. A blood drive at the Marshall Center will be Friday from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Bldg. 4316.

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